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1. VICE CONSUL NAPPER CALLED ON MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELORS BOSIKOV AND N.M. BULAVIN MAY 19 TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF EXIT VISAS FOR LONG-TERM EXCHANGEES, AS AUTHORIZED REFTEL. EMBOFF LET NON-PAPER REQUESTING THAT EXIT VISAS VALID FOR DURATION OF THE EXCHANGEES STAY BE ISSUED AND LISTING SEVERAL EXAMPLES IN WHICH EXCHANGEES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE WEEK-END DEPARTURES. COPY OF NON-PAPER BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV.
 2. BOSIKOV AND BULAVIN ACCEPTED NON-PAPER AND TOLD EMBOFF THAT PROPOSAL WOULD BE STUDIED BY MFA. BOSIKOV TWICE OBSERVED THAT, SINCE NO EMERGENCY CASES ARE CURRENTLY PENDING, THE PROBLEM DOES NOT DEMAND AN URGENT SOLUTION. CONSOFF REPLIED THAT LACK OF AN EXIT VISA CONTINUES TO BE A REAL PROBLEM FOR US EXCHANGEES AND THAT, WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF EXCHANGEES CURRENTLY IN USSR, MORE EMERGENCY DEPARTURES ARE INEVITABLE. WHEN IMPORTANCE OF EARLY RESOLUTION TO HIS PROBLEM WAS REITERATED, BOSIKOV SIMPLY REPEATED THAT MFA WOULD STUDY THE MATTER.
 3. COMMENT. JUDING FROM MFA ATTITUDE, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE A FAVORABLE REPLY TO THIS MATTER IN THE NEAR FUTURE, POSSIBLY
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BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE THE LEVERAGE THAT WOULD EXIST IF SOVIET

EXCHANGEES IN US WOULD ALSO BE SUBJECT TO EXIT VISA RE-
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